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House Bill No. 6313

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The Committee on Environment reported through REP. GENTILE of the 104th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LOCALLY GROWN POULTRY IN CONNECTICUT FOOD MARKETS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-326t of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Poultry" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-326s;
5 and

6 (2) "Producer" means any person, firm or corporation engaged in
7 the breeding, raising or keeping of not more than five thousand
8 turkeys or twenty thousand poultry of all species in a calendar year for
9 the purpose of food production.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be the state official in
11 charge of inspecting any producer and any producer that also operates
12 as a poultry processing facility. Any inspection conducted pursuant to

13 this subsection shall be consistent with the requirements of the federal
14 Poultry Products Inspection Act and any applicable provision of the
15 Code of Federal Regulations, including, but not limited to, any health,
16 sanitary and safety related provision. Poultry processing facilities that
17 meet the applicable criteria for federal Food Safety and Inspection
18 Services exemptions and that have passed Department of Agriculture
19 facility inspections pursuant to this subsection shall be designated as
20 approved food sources for household consumers, restaurants, hotels,
21 [and] boarding houses and retail food establishments.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-326t
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ENV *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill which allows certain poultry producing facilities to sell poultry to retail food establishments does not result in a fiscal impact as the Department of Agriculture currently inspects certain poultry and turkey producers. Under this bill, less than five producers are anticipated to participate in the program for FY 14 and FY 15.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6313*****AN ACT CONCERNING LOCALLY GROWN POULTRY IN CONNECTICUT FOOD MARKETS.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, certain poultry processing facilities are approved to sell food to household consumers, restaurants, hotels, and boarding houses. This bill allows these facilities to sell poultry to retail food establishments (e.g., grocery stores) also. The facilities must (1) meet applicable criteria for federal Food Safety and Inspection Service exemptions and (2) pass state Department of Agriculture inspections.

Under the law, "poultry" means any species of domestic fowl, including chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl, and game birds raised for food production, breeding, exhibition, or sale.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/04/2013)